Bribing by MNCs to obtain contracts

2718. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain cases of multinational companies having paid bribes in India to obtain contracts have come to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The information in respect of Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Heavy Industry is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Redeployment scheme for surplus staff

2719. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a redeployment scheme for surplus staff, as reported in 'The Business Standard' dated 7th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the PSUs under the control of his Ministry which are likely to be closed down and the number of staff that would be rendered surplus as a result thereof; and

(d) the areas where the staff would be adjusted or redeployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Government have formulated a Scheme for Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment (CRR) for employees of CPSUs who have been rationalized under the Voluntary

Retirement scheme/closure of the enterprises. This scheme has been introduced from the year 2001-02. The salient features of the Scheme are:

Scheme aims at redeployment/self-employment of the rationalized employees through short duration training programmes.

It provides opportunity to the employees to engage themselves in income generating activities on self employment basis and rejoin the productive process.

Training is imparted through reputed training agencies of the country.

Government provides fund for this purpose.

(c) and (d) 2 central PSUs *viz.* Reyrolle Burn Ltd. (RBL) and National Industrial Development Corporation of India Ltd. (NIDC) under this Ministry are likely to be closed down/wound up as Government has decided to take action for their closure. Besides, BIFR has recommended for winding up of Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd. (BBVL). All the employees of RBL and BBVL have left the organizations and in case of NIDC, where 117 employees are there, Voluntary Retirement Scheme has been introduced. The restructured employees under the broad guidelines of the CRR Scheme can avail of the benefits for their effective rehabilitation in the economic activities/trades of their choice on self employment basis.

Establishment of Heavy Industries in Bihar

2720. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Growth Pole and Growth Centre concepts heavy industries were established in the Jharkhand area of then Bihar during 1950s;

(b) the plants to establish new heavy industries in the existing Bihar under the Growth Pole and Growth Centre as it is one of the most backward State of the country in respect of per capita income and other socio-economic indicators as Jharkhand has been separated from Bihar now; and

(c) if answer to part (b) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?